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Sicily was lost to Arabs

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Alfred the Great of Britain
defeated Danish invaders.

Guthrum, king of Danes
in East Anglia, invaded Wessex.

King Alfred the Great gathered
levies from three shires and
inflicted severe defeat upon
the Danes at EDINGTON.

The Peace of WEDMORE was
concluded, under which GUTHRUM
consented to become Christian and

to withdraw from Wessex, while the
supremacy of Alfred was acknowledged
over the whole country south of
the THAMES, and over the greater
part of Mercia

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King Alfred used the Peace to consolidate England.

He practically founded the British Navy; reorganized the national defenses; raised public buildings and reclaimed waste lands; and revised all existing laws, combining those he found good into a single code.

He established schools, encouraged
literature in the native tongue; &
improved the services of the Church

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Alfred defeated the Danes
at Edington in 878

Battle of ETH ANDUN
(Edenington). One of most
decisive battles in English
history; Saxons under
Alfred the Great (849 - Apr. 26
899) defeated Danes, ensuring
survival of Saxon kingdom
of Wessex, which eventually
became the Danish invaders